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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A The system for pruning an article, comprising: of claim 1, wherein the logic to automatically reduce the length of the original article further comprises:~~

a processor circuit having a processor and a memory; and  
article pruning logic stored on the memory and executable by the  
processor, the article pruning logic comprising logic to automatically reduce a length  
of an original article to fit within a predefined space allocation of a publication  
comprising:

logic to create a pruning copy of the original article to be  
reduced;

logic to remove an amount of content from the pruning copy;  
and

logic to compare a pruned content of the pruning copy with a  
content of the original article to determine an informational adequacy of the  
pruned content.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the logic to remove an  
amount of content from the pruning copy further comprises logic to remove a last  
paragraph of the pruning copy.

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4. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the logic to compare a pruned content of the pruning copy with a content of the original article to determine an informational adequacy of the pruned content further comprises:

logic to obtain a first value measuring the content of the original article by performing an analysis of the content of the original article;

logic to obtain a second value measuring the content of the pruning copy by performing an analysis of the content of the pruning copy; and

logic to compare a ratio of the first value to the second value to a predefined threshold ratio.

5. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the logic to automatically reduce the length of the original article further comprises logic to discard the original article and the pruned copy if the informational adequacy of the pruned content is insufficient to publish.

6. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the logic to automatically reduce the length of the original article further comprises logic to include the pruned copy in a publication if the informational adequacy of the pruned content is sufficient to publish.

7. (Original) A system for pruning an article, comprising:  
means for creating a pruning copy of the original article to be reduced;  
means for removing an amount of content from the pruning copy; and  
means for comparing a pruned content of the pruning copy with a content of the original article to determine an informational adequacy of the pruned content.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for removing an amount of content from the pruning copy further comprises means for removing a last paragraph of the pruning copy.

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9. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for comparing a pruned content of the pruning copy with a content of the original article to determine an informational adequacy of the pruned content further comprises:

means for obtaining a first value measuring the content of the original article by performing an analysis of the content of the original article;

means for obtaining a second value measuring the content of the pruning copy by performing an analysis of the content of the pruning copy; and

means for comparing a ratio of the first value to the second value to a predefined threshold ratio.

10. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for automatically reducing the length of the original article further comprises means for discarding the original article and the pruned copy if the informational adequacy of the pruned content is insufficient to publish.

11. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for automatically reducing the length of the original article further comprises means for including the pruned copy in a publication if the informational adequacy of the pruned content is sufficient to publish.

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13. (Currently Amended) ~~A The method for pruning an article of claim 12, wherein the step of automatically reducing the length of the original article in a computer system further comprises~~ further comprising the steps of:

- storing the original article in a memory of the computer system;
- creating a pruning copy of the original article to be reduced;
- storing the pruning copy in the memory;
- removing an amount of content from the pruning copy; and
- comparing a pruned content of the pruning copy with a content of the original article to determine an informational adequacy of the pruned content.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of removing an amount of content from the pruning copy further comprises the step of removing a last paragraph of the pruning copy.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of comparing a pruned content of the pruning copy with a content of the original article to determine an informational adequacy of the pruned content further comprises the steps of:

- obtaining a first value measuring the content of the original article by performing an analysis of the content of the original article;
- obtaining a second value measuring the content of the pruning copy by performing an analysis of the content of the pruning copy; and
- comparing a ratio of the first value to the second value to a predefined threshold ratio.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, ~~wherein the step of automatically reducing the length of the original article in a computer system further comprising~~ comprises the step of discarding the original article and the pruning copy if the informational adequacy of the pruned content is insufficient to publish.

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17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, ~~wherein the step of automatically reducing the length of the original article~~ further comprising ~~comprises~~ the step of including the pruned copy in a publication if the informational adequacy of the pruned content is sufficient to publish.